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Item No.

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FACT SHEET

Community Services

Department

November 17, 2009

Requested Date

1. **Request:**

Council Approval ☐

Other (specify) ☐

Information Only/  
Presentation ☒

Hearing ☐

2. **Requested Action:**

Acknowledge receipt of Recreation Commission minutes for October 7, 2009.

3. **Fiscal Impact:**

Revenue:

Increase ☐

Decrease ☐

Cost:

Increase ☐

Decrease ☐

Does Not Apply ☒

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Amount: \$

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4. **Reviewed By:**

Finance Dept. on

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Comments:

City Attorney on

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**CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA REPORT**

**SUBJECT: Recreation Commission minutes for October 7, 2009**

**AGENDA DATE: Tuesday November 17, 2009**

**PREPARED BY: Sandra Tauler, Community Services Director**

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA BY: Victor M. Carrillo, City Manager**

**RECOMMENDATION: Receive minutes of monthly Recreation Commission meeting.**

**FISCAL IMPACT: -0-**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Prior action/information)**

**DISCUSSION (Current consideration)**

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## MINUTES

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Special Meeting Wednesday Oct. 7 th, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Urefia called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by General Services Director Nick Fenley

**ATTENDANCE:** Commissioners Present: Ortega, Urefia, Vizcarra & Castañeda  
Absent: None

**ADDITION TO AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Vice-Chair Ortega, seconded by Commissioner Vizcarra to approve the minutes of June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:** Chair Urefia asked fellow Commissioners to think about why they are here as Commissioners. She added that Commissioners are here to advice the City Council. She also asked the Commissioners to ask their friends and neighbors to come to the meetings. She would like to see more community participation. Commissioner Castañeda mentioned Linda Dorantes was absent the first time because she was sick.

**Directors Report:** Director Tauler mentioned the summer programs were very successful. The new pool hours included public swimming on weekends. Director Tauler also mentioned a new Hawaiian Dance class was opened. The budget has been approved with a 15% cut in Supplies and Services, which includes recreation programs. The amount cut for the Recreation Department was about \$2,000.00 and for the Community Center the amount was \$9,000.00. Director Tauler added the Dept. is moving forward trying to maintain the level of services and programs that we had last year, being careful not to overload and still meet the needs of the community.

**City Manager Victor Carrillo** – Chair Urefia welcomed City Manager, Mr. Carrillo and thanked him for being present. Chair Urefia stated the commissioners present are here for the best interest of the city and would like to know what the City Manager expected from the Recreation Commission. Mr. Carrillo thanked the Commission for the invitation. He introduced himself and mentioned he had served as council member for two terms and as City mayor for two terms. Mr. Carrillo stated he would first of all like for the commissioners to feel valued. He added that they are the eyes and ears of the City Council. Mr. Carrillo said he would like to know what the Commission's vision is and what they would like to see done. Chair Urefia mentioned the board was a young board that wants to be supportive to the Dept. City Manager Carrillo mentioned he would like to have a workshop with all recreational organizations, adding we can invite facilities directors, PAL, Little League and all the other sports organizations to come together to discuss their needs. This workshop would be to give them roles and responsibilities to assist in the cleaning and maintenance the parks/fields they are using. General Services Director mentioned there is an existing MOU that mentions they have to clean up after each use. Chair Urefia mentioned that Recreation has evolved over the years and everyone wants to use the same park for practices/games. We need to have the workshop to avoid groups monopolizing the fields. Commissioner Vizcarra mentioned it was really tough to use school facilities. Mr. Carrillo mentioned he will be meeting with

Superintendent Luna from the Calexico Unified School District. Mr. Carrillo mentioned that there are five gyms in Calexico and that we should be doing more to maximize their use by all groups. Director Tauler pointed out that a new draft of the joint use agreement was drafted about a year ago. She has sent it to CUSD multiple times but has had no response. City Manager added he will be discussing that with Mrs. Luna.

**PLANS FOR THE APPROVED BUDGET:** Vice-Chair Ortega wanted to know what the plans are with the approved budget. Director Tauler stated there was a 15% cut from Supplies and Services, but is happy that no personnel were laid off. We were fortunate to keep our temporary employees, because without them it would be impossible to maintain the current level of programming and services.

**NEW PARK DEVELOPMENTS (CLINTON ST.):** Chair Urefia mentioned she will combine Item #2 & Item #3. Chair Urefia asked if the City of Calexico had retention basin standards, because there are several retention basins that are full of alkaline and kids are practicing on the alkaline. Chair Urefia added she has toured the different facilities and stated the park on Clinton is heavily used. There are kids riding bikes on playground area, adding someone is going to get hurt. Chair Urefia wanted to know if a "No riding bikes" sign can be put up. She also said that they also have softball, baseball and soccer practices there. She also frequently sees dogs without leashes in that park. Chair Urefia further stated what she would like to see on the workshop is park development. The other thing Chair Urefia questioned was a park development on Sapphire on Joel Reisen Park; an area is being developed on the corner of Ruby and Topaz. She said residents are inquiring what's going on and how come the residents were not informed. General Services Director, Nick Fenley, stated that park project is an old project that had no funding available previously. He said that corner was chosen because it was the best and safest area. Mr. Fenley also mentioned a safety fence along Sapphire so the kids will not run into the street. Chair Urefia asked if there were going to be signs posted. General Services Director replied yes. There will be signs posted that read caution children at play. Finally Mr. Fenley mentioned the requirements for retention basins have changed over the years. He said the city is no longer accepting retention basins as parks and the requirements on the retention basins have also changed, developers will have to add 12 to 18 inches of top soil so that we don't have a problem with the alkaline.

**PROP 84 (any plans for acquiring funding from this prop):** Chair Urefia questioned if the city had any plans for applying for this grant? General Services Director said his department that is looking into Prop 84 funding. He said he is working with a consultant to submit a grant application.

**COMMISSIONERS AND ATTENDANCE:** Chair Urefia mentioned this item had been discussed in the August council meeting adding one of the commissioners have been removed for lack of attendance therefore we are short one commissioner. Chair Urefia added if anyone knows of someone who is interested in serving on the Recreation Commission they can send in a letter of interest. Director Tauler mentioned Mayor Ouzan will need to appoint this new Commissioner since he had appointed the last Commissioner that was removed.

**COMMISSIONERS TRAINING:** Chair Urefia reminded the Commissioners about the upcoming training in La Quinta on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The training will consist of current legislation and key issues. Sessions for commissioners include round table discussions, and highlights of Coachella Valley Parks and Recreation projects. The cost for the training is \$25.00. Chair Urefia mentioned it would be nice if the commissioners could attend. Director Tauler stated the Dept. was able to cover the cost of the training for the commissioners and the transportation. She asked what commissioners were interested in attending. Vice-Chair Ortega and Chair Urefia said they would like to attend.

**TOUR OF PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES.** Chair Urefia mentioned she would like for the Commissioners to take a tour of all the facilities and see if they are up to standards. She asked both Mrs. Tauler and Mr. Fenley to consider a date for this tour. City Manager Carrillo questioned if she would like a tour of just city facilities or also school district facilities. Chair Urefia replied yes, both city and school district. Mr.

Carrillo said he would ask Mr. Duarte from school district for a list of facilities. A date for this tour will be set up and commissioners will be notified.

**GENERAL SERVICES REPORT-** Nick Fenley reported his budget was also cut 15%, which totals to \$67,000.00. In other news he reported that the Daniel Gutierrez field and Las Casitas Park were re-seeded and are now open to the public. He also mentioned the General Services Dept. only has three employees for park maintenance. He mentioned that due to the budget cuts the grass is now being cut every other week. Mr. Fenley finally reported that they are looking into raising the park user fees to \$50.00 for 4 hours and also \$50.00 for the use of the lights.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:15 p.m. Chair Ureña adjourned the meeting.